

What is claimed is:

1. A failure analysis system, comprising:

5 a chip position calculation module configured to calculate fault chip positions of a plurality of circuit blocks in a chip region based on layout information on the circuit blocks positioned in the chip region and fault information on the circuit blocks;

a wafer position calculation module configured to calculate fault wafer positions in a wafer based on the fault chip positions and position information showing a chip region layout in a wafer plane;
10 and

a mapping module configured to perform a mapping display of the fault wafer positions in accordance with physical coordinates on the wafer plane.

15 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the fault information is one of fail bit maps and pass/fail maps of the circuit blocks.

3. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

20 an index calculation module configured to calculate fault-extracting-index for extracting a fault mode based on a result of the mapping display; and

an index comparison module configured to compare a threshold of the fault-extracting-index for extracting a specific fault mode to the calculated fault-extracting-index and determines the presence
25 of the specific fault mode.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein the fault mode is an arc periphery fault.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the arc periphery fault is biased
5 toward a periphery region of the wafer and has a geometric symmetry.

6. The system of claim 3, further comprising a classification module
configured to set a hierarchical structure between a plurality of
fault-extracting-indices and performs detection and classification
10 of unknown fault modes based on classification information in which
the fault-extracting-indices are classified in the hierarchical
structure.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the hierarchical structure includes
15 at least an arc periphery fault, a periphery fault including the arc
periphery fault and a cluster fault including the periphery fault.

8. A failure analysis method, comprising:

reading out layout information on a plurality of circuit blocks
20 disposed in a chip region, position information showing a chip region
layout in a wafer plane and fault information on the circuit blocks;

calculating fault chip positions in the chip region of the
circuit blocks based on the layout information and the fault
information;

25 calculating fault wafer positions in a wafer based on the
position information and the fault chip positions; and

subjecting the fault wafer positions to a mapping display in accordance with physical coordinates on the wafer plane.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the fault information is one of fail
5 bit maps and pass/fail maps of the circuit blocks.

10. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

calculating fault-extracting-index for extracting a fault mode based on a result of the mapping display; and

10 determining the presence of the fault mode by comparing the fault-extracting-index with a threshold stored in a threshold information storage unit.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the fault mode is an arc periphery
15 fault.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the fault-extracting-index is calculated by a degree of bias of fault densities in a region where the arc periphery fault occurs and by a degree of continuity of the
20 longest continuous faults adjacent two of which is spaced apart by a distance within a threshold in the region where the arc periphery fault occurs.

13. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

25 setting a hierarchical structure between a plurality of fault-extracting-indices; and

performing detection and classification of unknown fault modes based on classification information in which the fault-extracting-indices are classified in the hierarchical structure, and a result of determining the presence of the fault mode for each
5 of the fault-extracting-indices.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the hierarchical structure includes at least an arc periphery fault, a periphery fault including the arc periphery fault and a cluster fault including the periphery fault.

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15. The method of claim 13, wherein the fault mode is classified as the unknown fault mode concerning upper-level fault-extracting-index when it is determined that there is a fault in the upper-level fault-extracting-index of the hierarchical structure and there is no
15 fault in fault-extracting-index one level lower than the upper-level fault-extracting-index.

16. A computer program product configured to be executed by a computer, comprising:

20 an instruction of reading out layout information on a plurality of circuit blocks disposed in a chip region, position information showing a chip region layout in a wafer plane and fault information on the circuit blocks;

an instruction of calculating fault chip positions in a chip
25 region of the circuit blocks based on the layout information and the fault information;

an instruction of calculating fault wafer positions in a wafer based on the position information and the fault chip positions; and

an instruction of subjecting the fault wafer positions to a mapping display in accordance with physical coordinates on the wafer plane.

17. A manufacturing method for a semiconductor device, comprising:

fabricating a plurality of integrated circuits on a wafer, by assigning a plurality of chip regions for each of the integrated circuits such that each of the chip regions has a plurality of circuit blocks disposed therein, by sequentially executing a plurality of manufacturing processes;

obtaining fault information by measuring characteristics of the circuit blocks, respectively;

detecting a fault based on a result of a mapping display performed for the fault information in accordance with physical coordinates on a wafer plane by use of layout information on the circuit blocks disposed in the chip region; and

performing at least one of a repair of a manufacturing apparatus used for the manufacturing, a remodeling of the manufacturing apparatus, and a modification of a recipe of a specific manufacturing process in the plurality of manufacturing processes causing the fault to occur.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the fault information is one of fail bit maps and pass/fail maps of the circuit blocks.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the detection of the fault comprises:

calculating fault-extracting-index of a fault mode based on the
5 result of the mapping display; and

determining the presence of the fault mode by comparing the
fault-extracting-index with a threshold stored in a threshold
information storage unit.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the fault mode is an arc periphery
10 fault.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the fault-extracting-index is
calculated by a degree of bias of fault densities in a region where
15 the arc periphery fault occurs and by a degree of continuity of the
longest continuous faults adjacent two which is spaced apart by a
distance within a threshold in the region where the arc periphery fault
occurs.

22. The method of claim 19, wherein the detection of the fault further
20 comprises:

setting a hierarchical structure between a plurality of
fault-extracting-indices; and

performing detection and classification of unknown fault modes
25 based on classification information in which the
fault-extracting-indices are classified in the hierarchical structure,

and a result of determining the presence of the fault mode for each of the fault-extracting-indices.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the hierarchical structure includes
5 at least an arc periphery fault, a periphery fault including the arc periphery fault and a cluster fault including the periphery fault.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein the fault mode is classified as
the unknown fault mode concerning upper-level fault-extracting-index
10 when it is determined that there is a fault in the upper-level fault-extracting-index of the hierarchical structure and there is no fault in fault-extracting-index one level lower than the upper-level fault-extracting-index.

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